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SUBJECT: USUN INSTRUCTION: SOMALIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE  
ARMS EMBARGO EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR HALO

REF: IO-SANCTIONS-DL E-MAIL TO USUN-SANCTIONS-UNIT  
WITH HALO TRUST LETTER

[¶1](#). This is an action request. USUN is requested to seek from the Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia an exemption to the arms embargo on Somalia established by the Security Council in resolution 733 (1992).

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In accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 1356 (2001) for non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, the U.S. Mission hereby requests approval for an exemption to the arms embargo imposed on Somalia by UN Security Council resolution 733 (1992).

To improve security in Somalia, the United States Government (USG) requests an exemption for The HALO Trust to import and use Ground Penetrating Radar detectors to conduct humanitarian mineclearance in Somaliland. The HALO Trust would like to import two Handheld Standoff Mine Detection Systems, which have been successfully used in detecting minimum metal mines. HALO Somaliland will be the end user of the equipment. The detectors will be used by HALO trained personnel and will be stored on HALO premises. The detectors will significantly speed up the mineclearance process in Somaliland, where most detectors have been unable to locate the minimum metal mines at the required depth. The detectors will be air freighted to Hargeisa Airport in Somaliland.

END LETTER

[¶3](#). Department appreciates Mission's efforts.  
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